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In re application of: John R. Hurst

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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DATABASE SIMILARITY JOIN

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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR
RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on July 28, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Listing of the Claims, reflecting current amendments and status of all pending claims, begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.

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date of a Final Action. 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) applies. 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) provides that the IDS shall be considered if accompanied by either a statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p). The Fee Transmittal sheet submitted with the February 20, 2003 IDS specifically authorized the Commissioner to "Charge any additional fee(s) during the pendency of this application." Accordingly, the appropriate fee should have been charged, and the IDS considered on the record. Copies of the references should already be in the official file. If, however, the Examiner needs additional copies, she is asked to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney.

Applicants respectfully request that the IDS and references cited therein be considered on the record and that any new Action necessitated by such consideration should reset the period for response.

Allowed Claim

Applicant notes with appreciation the indication independent claim 1 is allowable.

35 USC § 112

Claims 10-33 stand rejected under 35 USC § 112, first paragraph, for allegedly containing new matter. Claims 10-33 have been cancelled without prejudice and without disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Cancellation of these claims is not intended to be an acquiescence to the outstanding rejection. The cancellation of these claims renders the rejection moot. Applicant respectfully reserves its right to pursue the subject matter contained therein in one or more continuing applications.

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